Closing of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bhutan

316. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bhutan is being closed down w.e.f. 30th April, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are numerous employees who were recruited locally by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the Vidyalaya;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether services of these employees would be retained by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan by transferring them to other place?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 7 employees were recruited locally.

(d) Yes, Sir. Indian nationals recruited locally would be absorbed by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and posted to other Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Indians killed in Afghanistan

317. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indians killed in Afghanistan recently;

(b) whether Government have asked the Afghanistan Government or Indian Embassy in Afghanistan to protect the life and property of Indians there; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) According to information available with us, no Indian national has been killed in Afghanistan recently.

(b) and (c) The Afghan Government has been approached in this matter both in regard to the safety and security of Indian nationals and persons of Indian origin in Afghanistan. They have assured us of their cooperation.

Appointment of agents for distribution of NCERT books

318. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint some agents for distribution of NCERT text books to avoid the inconvenience to students in getting the books in time; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting manages the distribution of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) text-books through its Sales Emporia situated at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, Madras, Patna and Trivandrum. In addition, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has appointed 13 wholesale agents for distribution of its publications in the Union Territory of Delhi